and Ludhiana (Punjab) offices have been received by the Ministry and the Employees Provident Fund Organisation, during the last two years; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action taken in this regard, in the light of above facts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Some complaints alleging financial and other irregularities by certain senior officers, relating to incidents in Kolkata and Patna Regions, have been received during the last two years. Such complaints are investigated as per the prescribed procedure and action, in accordance with applicable rules, is initiated wherever circumstances warrant such action.

Restriction on import of cotton

*491. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to impose restriction on the import of cotton as these exist in the world's high producing countries like America and China;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government want to encourage the export of cotton, by providing the export subsidy as provided by America and China, to maintain the supply of cotton in domestic market, for providing high market price to cotton growers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) No, Sir.

(b)Does not arise.

(c) As on date there is no proposal to provide export subsidy on cotton.

Review of export policy

†*492. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request to review the current policy on exports;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, by when the review will be done;

(c) whether the performance of exporters has not been satisfactory over the years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Government receives requests regarding provisions of export policy in force from time to time. These are attanded to on merits as and when received. Government announced the Annual Supplement to the Foreign Trade Policy on 19.4.2007.

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise.

No habitation zone along Indo-Bangladesh border

*493. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Boder Security Force has urged for creation of 'no habitation zone' in 150 yards along the Indo-Bangladesh border, for effective surveillance; and

(b) if so, what decision Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) BSF has not submitted any specific proposal for creation of 'No Habitation Zone' within 150 yards from Indo-Bangladesh Border. They are providing effective surveillance along the International Border up to 'Zeo line' irrespective of the presence of habitation within 150 yards.

Opening of closed tea estates

*494. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has drawn up schemes for re-opening of closed tea estates in various parts of the country, especially in Kerala;